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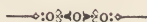
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\*Mr. Bishop visits home early in spring, but acts till a successor be appointed.

## Report.

IN our last Report we intimated that we hoped to start our magazines at the Chinese New Year—namely the *Review of the Times* and the *Chinese Boys' Own*. We are happy to say that this was carried out and that they have been well received. This is especially true of the *Review of the Times*. Its circulation has risen rapidly month by month, and still rises; and what is still more satisfactory, almost every new subscriber seeks the back numbers, so that—deducting the fifty copies laid aside for annual vols.—we have only 68 copies left of all the issues. It is also gaining access to the very quarters we desired; and we have the satisfaction of knowing that it is seen by the highest officials in the Empire. Both magazines have been reviewed most favourably by the Press: and in addition we have received numerous private testimonies to their acceptability. And we are deeply indebted to their respective editors, Rev. Dr. Allen, and D. S. Murray, Esq., for the great labour so freely expended on them.

We have also carried on the publication of the *Little One's Own*, which is much appreciated in its own sphere; and published other four of the Children's Special Mission Illustrated Leaflets. We have also issued 31 new numbers of Dr. Faber's *Civilization*; and published an edition of the *Christian Girls' Classic*; also the *Life of Christ in Verse* for Chinese households; and 2500 *Scripture Histories*. Our last year's calendar attained a circulation of 41,400, and we issued 400 of the fine *Chromo Calendars*. We have finished the *Peep of Day*, stereotyped the blocks, and have printed 2000; and are only awaiting pictures from home—which are expected immediately—to issue the book.

Details regarding these will be found in Superintendent's Report in appendix, which gives the total of our issues for the year as 132,698.

**Remunerative Work.**—In addition to the work above specified, our Presses have been fully occupied with the printing of the Old Testament for the British and Foreign, and American Bible Societies, which is expected to be finished in January next. We have also commenced printing the New Testament for the American Bible Society, which we hope to have completed by a few months later. We still continue to print the *Messenger*; and have also been employed by Missionaries to print books and tracts, Hospital Reports, and a variety of other work.

**Gratuitous Work.**—Limited funds have again prevented us doing what we could have desired but we have done something in this direction—our grants amounting to \$862.25.

We sent 1004 vols. of Natural Theology and 1200 copies of the *Review of the Times* to the recent M. A. Examinations, equally divided between the provincial capitals of Hang-chow, Nanking, Tsi-nan Fu, and Peking. We also supplied the Hang-chow Missionaries with 10,000 copies of Numbers 62 and 63 of Dr. Faber's *Civilization* bound in one volume at a reduced price. According to instructions of the Ladies' Auxiliaries we have also made many small grants of books to Missionaries for work in the families.

**Prize Essays.**—In accordance with the suggestion thrown out at the last general meeting we announced three prizes to be given on two subjects, viz: (1) the difference between Foreign and Chinese science, and (2) Western Mathematics, and wherein they excel.

We received twenty Essays which were examined and four prizes awarded. The Essays showed, to quote the words of an examiner, "surprising and gratifying acquaintance with Foreign science and a full appreciation of its bearing on China."

Encouraged by the success of the first attempt the Committee contemplate soon advertising other two subjects for prizes.

**Antagonistic Publications.**—In our former Report, we presented a few arguments indicating the need of such periodicals as we now possess. These arguments have multiplied. We spoke of the Chinese having taken up the pen and also the pencil against foreigners. This antagonism still continues. The infamous *Death Blow* has been resurrected with additions, and is being circulated privately but none the less mischievously.



Another extensive book of a very different character but equally worthy of notice—called the **經世文續編**,—consisting of 32 vols. has just been printed by one of the Lithographic establishments here. It consists of recent memorial and essays on all kinds of national and international subjects written by the most prominent statesmen in the Empire, as well as by famous scholars who are still in the ranks—containing also several extracts from the writings of Dr. W. A. P. Martin. This compilation shows there is life and also patriotism in the land and we hail it on that account. What we deplore is the ignorance and animus of not a few of the writers.

**Ignorance versus Progress.**—Mulhall in his *Progress of the World* says “when the Treaty of Vienna restored peace to Europe it left the nations sunk in ignorance. Since then they have made wonderful progress, first, the Press educated the cabinets and legislators of Europe; and secondly, the legislatures undertook the enlightenment of the masses.”

China is much in the same condition as Europe was in A. D. 1815, and we hope like results will follow. There are many men of very great ability and high intelligence in the various departments of state, and also in their commercial circles, whom we all respect; but the nation as such needs enlightenment in the very first principles of everything—science, philosophy, political economy, and religion. This has been strikingly exemplified during the past year. Twice have Imperial Edicts been nullified by popular opposition headed by the Literati—showing that notwithstanding the Emperor himself, the Emperor’s father, the Empress Dowager, and the leading statesmen, were in favour of progress, they were powerless before the masses of crass ignorance and prejudice. We seek to help the nation; and so we respectfully claim the aid of patriotic Chinamen as well as of our own countrymen in the diffusion of Knowledge.

**Knowledge versus Famine.**—One remark more. During the past year Foreigners have subscribed the noble sum of Tls. 350,000 for the relief of the destitute; and we rejoice in this expression of Western sympathy. But what is needed is not only temporary relief but Knowledge how to provide against these floods and famines so as to preclude or mitigate future misery. Only such Knowledge as we spread can effect this. Philanthropists therefore would do well to further our efforts. We are working at the source of the Evil.

**Funds.**— Our anticipations in last year's Report as to our Contracts for printing Bibles keeping us fully employed have been fulfilled; and the result of the year's working shows an increased surplus of about \$1,800 at credit of the Society after meeting the usual writing off for depreciation in Plant. A portion of this surplus will come into cash when these contracts are completed next year, and the debt due to Dr. Williamson, which remains unaltered at \$1,800, can then be partly paid off. Now that our magazines are fairly started it will not be advisable in future to undertake printing contracts requiring large outlay of capital. On the other hand, it will be of great assistance if our friends who subscribe for our magazines will bear in mind that payment in advance is an important aid to us.

The Account of Income and Expenditure shews that ordinary annual subscriptions and donations have about met our Superintendent's Salary, and the sum from the Parent Society has done the same as regards rent and taxes. We hope friends in China will continue to give us at least \$1,500 per annum, and the Parent Society has been strongly urged to increase its contribution. Without increased aid from Glasgow the Committee must hesitate ere renewing the engagement of their European Superintendent which terminates in Nov. 1890. The question further arises whether, it will be advisable to renew this engagement, unless sufficient pecuniary support is guaranteed for a few years to enable us to engage also an assistant. We have to face the fact that in a short time, if re-engaged, Mr. McIntosh will be entitled to furlough; and then there is great risk in carrying on our operations depending on the continued good health of one man.

Generally the Accounts shew that with careful working and our magazine circulation increasing as it has done during the past nine months, we may hope that the Society in a few years will be self supporting. Too hasty efforts to attain this desirable result might interfere with the Society's objects, and subscribers may be reminded that although we only estimate our gratuitous distributions this year at \$862.25 that by no means represents the value of these. It will be noticed from the Balance sheet that our Plant which is in good order has proved sufficient for our requirements during the year.

One point not shown in the Accounts deserving of special mention is that the sale of our publications has been greatly helped by their containing pictures freely gifted to us by the Ladies' Auxiliary Societies



in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and by the Religious Tract Society and other friends at considerable expense,—thus though not contributing in money they have rendered very material aid to the Society.

The Glasgow Ladies' Auxiliary has sent us large supplies of chromo Scripture Histories published by Messrs. Nelson and Sons, to be filled in with Chinese letter press—namely, Joseph 1250, Moses 500, Ruth 500, David 750, Solomon 500 Daniel 750, the Life of our Lord 2,000; also 12,000 Little Ones' Own; 800 chromo pictures for Life of Christ in verse, and a large and varied assortment of picture cards.

The Religious Tract Society have made us two grants of stereos and plates, (1) value £41,14,6, and (2) £49,16s. Messrs. Collins, Sons & Co., and Messrs. McClure and Macdonald of Glasgow have likewise sent us welcome donations of stereos and pictures. We are also indebted to the School and Text Book Series committee for a large grant of coloured pictures which had been lying aside for some years and for which they had no immediate use, but which have proved most serviceable to us.



## Subscriptions and Donations.

| NAME.                                    | Tls.   | £             | SPECIAL. |
|--|--------|---------------|----------|
| A Friend, - - - - -                      | 200.00 | 273.46        |          |
| E. Cameron, Esq., (Printing Press,) - -  | .....  | .....         | \$500.00 |
| F. C. Bishop, Esq., - - - - -            | .....  | 50.00         |          |
| A Well-wisher, - - - - -                 | .....  | 10.00         |          |
| A Friend,—for Magazine, Tls. 100 - -     | .....  |               | 136.99   |
| C. Thorne, Esq., - - - - -               | 25.00  | 61.73         |          |
| P. V. Grant, Esq., - - - - -             | 10.00  |               |          |
| Rev. H. C. Hodges, - - - - -             | 10.00  |               |          |
| J. G. Purdon, Esq., - - - - -            | 20.00  |               |          |
| C. Vincent Smith, Esq., - - - - -        | 20.00  | 109.59        |          |
| Carl Jantzen, Esq., - - - - -            | 20.00  |               |          |
| A. G. Wood, Esq., - - - - -              | 10.00  |               |          |
| W. C. Ward, Esq., - - - - -              | 10.00  |               |          |
| E. McKean, Esq., - - - - -               | 20.00  | 89.02         |          |
| W. R. Carles, Esq., - - - - -            | 20.00  |               |          |
| Dr. Focke, - - - - -                     | 25.00  |               |          |
| Sir Robert Hart, - - - - -               | 500.00 | 685.52        |          |
| A Friend—proceeds of translation work, - | .....  | .....         | 81.48    |
| F. C. B., for Prize Essays, - - - - -    | .....  | .....         | 10.00    |
| John Macgregor, Esq., - - - - -          | 50.00  | 67.93         |          |
| M. Boyd Bredon, Esq., - - - - -          | .....  | 10.00         |          |
|  |        | 1357.25       | \$728.47 |
| J. B. Bishop, Esq., Edinburgh, £5. - -   | .....  | 31.07         |          |
|  |        | \$... 1388.32 |          |



# List of Chinese Publications

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## S. D. C. G. K. PRESS,

From November 1st, 1888, to Oct. 31st, 1889.



(Not including Society's publications sold in the shop, and in and about the native city, and to native traders.)

| NAME.   | NO. SENT<br>OUT AS PER<br>ORDERS. | NO. IN<br>STOCK, OCT.<br>31, 1889. |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Uncoloured Calendars, 1889, (Anglo Chinese)-  | 41,400                            | .....                              |
| Coloured*       "       "       "   | 400                               | .....                              |
| Scripture Histories,*- - - - -  | 2,618                             | 2,009                              |
| Birds and Animals of the Bible,* - - -  | 130                               | 207                                |
| Illustrated Gospels,* - - - - -   | 1,140                             | 675                                |
| Little Ones' Own, (孩提畫報)*- - -  | 4,112                             | 2,029                              |
| Civilization, (Small foreign paper edition,) -  | 19,506                            | 24,983                             |
| C. S. M. Illustrated 4 pp. Leaflets (訓蒙畫報)  | 27,500                            | 24,740                             |
| Christian Girl's Classic, - - - - -   | 480                               | 554                                |
| Life of Christ in verse, - - - - -  | 180                               | 362                                |
| "Review of the Times" (萬國公報) - -  | 10,529                            | 518                                |
| "Chinese Boy's Own" (成童畫報) - -  | 6,008                             | 2,781                              |
| Miscellaneous works { for School, family, and<br>{ church use, and Mis-<br>{ sion Book Shops. | 18,700                            | .....                              |
|   | 132,698                           | 58,858                             |

*Memo.*—Of those marked \* the Pictures were supplied by the West of Scotland Ladies' Auxiliary.

# Income and Expenditure from 1st November, 1888, to 31st October, 1889.

|   |           |           |           |                                   |          |          |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To Balance from last year, ...                            | ...       | ...       | \$167.77  | By Rent, Taxes, etc.,             | ...      | ...      |
| Subscriptions and donations—                              | ...       | ...       | ...       | 12 Months rent at Tls. 48.75,     | \$794.93 | ...      |
| Ordinary as per List, ...                                 | ...       | ...       | \$1388.32 | Less paid by Dr. Williamson,      | 253.20   | ...      |
| Special do. ...   | ...       | ...       | 728.47    |                                   | \$541.73 | ...      |
| Home Society, £100. ...                                   | ...       | ...       | 638.05    | Taxes, Gas, Water, Fire Insurance | 149.08   | \$690.81 |
| Ladies' Aux. (W. of S.) Balance per Dr. W.                | 192.65    | 2947.49   | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Monies received for Work, etc.—                           | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Accounts due 31st Oct., 1887,                             | ...       | ...       | \$69.05   |                                   |          | ...      |
| as per last balance ...                                   | ...       | ...       | 36.46     |                                   |          | ...      |
| Collected during this year, ...                           | ...       | ...       | \$36.46   |                                   |          | ...      |
| Leaving outstanding,                                      | 32.59     | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Accounts due 31st Oct., 1888,                             | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| as per last balance ...                                   | \$412.81  | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Collected during this year, 383.78                        | ...       | ...       | 383.78    |                                   |          | ...      |
| Leaving outstanding,                                      | 29.03     | 29.03     | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Monies collected during                                   | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| this year, including                                      | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| \$326.98 for work done                                    | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| not delivered, at Oct.                                    | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| 31, 1888, ...   | 5172.45   | ...       | 5172.45   |                                   |          | ...      |
| Accounts out- } Bible A/c \$1018.66                       | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| standing due } Mag. " 631.80                              | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| at Oct. 31st, } Misc. " 248.85                            | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| 1889. " }   | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Work done, not deliver-                                   | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| ed, Oct. 31, 1889. ...                                    | 45.00     | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Deduct amounts receiv'd                                   | \$711.76  | \$1960.93 | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| for work not yet done,                                    | 545.00    | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
|   | 6571.76   | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| Memo.—Besides above work it is estimated that the Society | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| has expended in labour, material, samples, freight,       | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
| duty, etc., gratuitously the sum of \$862.26.             | ...       | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
|   | \$8707.95 | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |
|   | \$8707.95 | ...       | ...       |                                   |          | ...      |

# **BALANCE SHEET, 31st OCTOBER, 1889.**

|  |     |           |
|--|-----|-----------|
| Amount owing Rev. Dr. Williamson,        | ... | \$1800.00 |
| Moneys received for work to be done, ... | ... | 545.00    |
| Balance, surplus,                        | ... | 5554.69   |

*Mem.*—There is also a sum of *£*7s. 806.52 in Bank at credit of the Society, being balance proceeds of *£*260, supplied by the Edinburgh Ladies' Auxiliary for printing an edition of "Peep of day."

|   |          |                  |
|---|----------|------------------|
| Value of Press and Plant received from "The Book and Tract Society of China," less 10 % | \$306.09 | \$2754.89        |
| Value of Type, etc., added 1887, "  | 56.49    | 508.49           |
| " Presses, etc., " 1888, "  | 107.04   | 963.37           |
| " Type, &c. " 1889:—  | \$576.56 |                  |
| Less 5% ...   | 28.82    | 547.74           |
|   |          | <u>\$4774.49</u> |

*Mem.*—Amongst Plant there are stereos, plates, valued as metal only, which, if used again—as they are likely to be—are worth \$650.00 to the Society.

|                              |     |     |       |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Value of Paper, Cards, etc., | ... | ... | 48.00 |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|

Value of Publications on hand—

|                             |     |          |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------|
| Foreign Books and Bibles,   | ... | \$180.00 |
| Society's own Publications, | ... | 633.71   |

\$13.71

Amount of Outstanding Accounts, ... \$1960.93

Value of Work done on jobs not yet completed, 45.00

2005.93

Cash on hand and in Bank, ... ..

257.56

\$7899.69

Audited and found correct.

ANDREW BURMAN.

F. C. BISHOP,

*Hon'g. Treasurer.*



## APPENDIX.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the "Society for the Diffusion of Christian and General Knowledge among the Chinese" was held on Wednesday the 18th. Dec., at the house of Mr. F. C. Bishop, Chartered Mercantile Bank, under the presidency of Dr. Focke, Vice-President.

There was a large attendance. Rev. Wm. Muirhead opened the Meeting by prayer.

The CHAIRMAN, when introducing the business of the meeting, observed that several familiar faces were absent. They had chiefly to regret the departure of Mr. Cameron, who had done so much for the Society in his capacity of former Chairman of the Executive Committee, and of Mr. Maclellan. It was the latter who suggested the Society's present title in order to show the combination of the mundane and spiritual objects in view. They missed several other honourable and highly esteemed gentlemen, but on the other hand they had the privilege of welcoming new members who would no doubt work with them as others had done.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the commencement which had been made in the publication of the Society's magazines. The *Review* had, he said, met with great approval and had secured more subscribers than might have been expected during the first year. The Committee had received several expressions of satisfaction from different sources, and amongst them he would mention a letter received from the Consul at Canton whom he (the speaker) had requested to interest himself in the matter. The writer stated that he had a conversation with one of Chang Chih-tung's Secretaries, who told him that he and most of his friends were subscribers to the magazine, that it was the best *Review* he had ever seen in Chinese, and that the Viceroy saw it occasionally. The Chairman added that the publication had been received by the Chinese, for whom it was intended, in the spirit in which it was hoped they would receive it.

Mr. JOHN MACGREGOR moved, and Mr. CARL JANTZEN seconded, the adoption of the report and accounts.

In reply to Mr. DRUMMOND, who asked if money prizes were given for the prize essays, the Chairman said small amounts were given; he believed \$10, \$7, \$3, and \$2.

The Rev. W. MUIRHEAD, in the course of some remarks on the prize essays, most of which had been sent to him for inspection and review, said they evinced considerable intelligence in regard to scientific matters, and the standard attained by one and all was very much higher than he had any anticipation of. They ranged over a wide extent of scientific knowledge. The composition of such essays was most commendable and should be pursued during the new year.

Mr. DRUMMOND thought it would be as well to consider the advisability of devoting more funds to this purpose, so as to give large prizes and attract more essays. It might also be advisable to print some of the best essays and keep them on sale.

Mr. MACGREGOR thought the funds of the Society should be applied to such a purpose, with moderation, the object of the Society being to diffuse information. By printing the essays under its *aegis* the Society might make itself answerable for the views expressed.

The CHAIRMAN said the essays, if printed, would be with marginal notes. In reply to Mr. W. R. CARLES, Mr. F. C. Bishop said it would be difficult to give an accurate account of the money obtained by sales of the *Review* until the year was ended. They began with 1,000 copies; and it was not likely that any profit would be derived during the first year.

Mr. JANTZEN suggested that an abstract of the report should be printed in Chinese and sent out with the next issue of the magazine.

The CHAIRMAN thought the suggestion a good one, as such information would help to show what the Society was doing. There had been much difficulty to get the Chinese to believe that the affair was genuine (on account of the cheapness of the magazine) or that there was not some other motive behind.

The motion was carried.

Mr. R. M. CAMPBELL moved a vote of thanks to the executive committee and the editors, remarking that the gentlemen gave their services and a great deal of their time, and carried out their duties in the most satisfactory manner.

Dr. EDKINS seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Rev. Dr. ALLEN (editor of the *Review*) observed that it must not be overlooked that China had made a great deal of progress and now contained men who were ready to receive and assimilate such information as it was designed to give them through the periodical in question. Bearing this in view, his object had been to obtain a good staff of contributors who also understood the purpose in view. Among them were Dr. Williamson, Dr. Edkins, Dr. Dudgeon, Dr. Martin, Mr. Richard, Mr. Muirhead, and Mr. Pott. Among the native writers was a Foochow doctor who had recently paid a visit to the United States, (where he was received by the President) and who was writing his observations on what he had seen. Then they had articles from a man in one of the colleges here, who had been writing on the subject of Chinese intercourse with foreign nations, and who had discontinued his contributions for the present on account of their having been printed in small type instead of large. (Laughter.) The speaker went on to observe that it had been said that the magazine was not a popular one. It was not intended to be such; it was intended to stimulate and guide the nascent sentiment that was growing in China. Its conductors adopted the plan of taking advantage of the suggestions in the daily papers, and by so doing they managed to keep abreast of the demand for information. With regard to prize essays, the Chinese Government, more perhaps than foreigners were aware, relied upon this method of obtaining its information. He happened to know that a great many of these subjects were sent up from the provinces, and occasionally they were submitted to the viceroys and governors of the maritime provinces. When information was wanted in Peking, it was the custom to submit certain *precis* to these governors and viceroys who in turn sent them to the literati, who wrote essays on the subject as if they were writing for an examination. From these essays would be compiled a condensed statement showing the views of the whole literary circle. The literati were dependent upon the Society's publications for information, and these publications, not being thrown aside like an ordinary newspaper, were creating a store of information.

He felt that the commercial element and the missionary element could nowhere better approximate to each other than in such an enterprise as this. Those on the side of the Society gave their labour gratuitously in the hope that they might be able to do something towards the enlightenment of China; and, with a little money to assist them, the thing could be done. Commerce and missions were the two great forces which were to effect this end. There was a time when the two were more or less separated; but as one came to look at the affair it could be seen that the regeneration of China would come from these two sources; the two, united, could do a tremendous work. (Applause.)

Rev. W. MUIRHEAD thanked the last speaker for his address, and endorsed his observations with reference to the results to be effected by a combination of commercial and missionary enterprise.

On the motion of Mr. W. R. CARLES, seconded by Mr. J. G. PURDON, the thanks of the Society were accorded to the contributors and subscribers.

On the motion of Mr. DRUMMOND, seconded by Rev. H. C. Hodges, the following directors were re-elected for the year: Mr. H. E. Hobson, Rev. H. C. Hodges, Mr. H. H. Joseph, Mr. J. J. Keswick, Rev. Dr. Martin, Mr. E. Mac-Kean, Ven. Archdeacon Moule, Rev. W. Muirhead, Mr. C. Thorne and Mr. C. V. Smith; and the following new directors were elected: Mr. John Walter, Rev. Dr. Edkins, Mr. H. M. Hillier, Dr. Leonard, Mr. R. W. Little, Mr. E. B. Drew, Rev. J. W. Stevenson, Rev. T. R. Stevenson, Mr. Andrew Burman, Mr. C. S. Addis, Mr. O. Messing, and Mr. W. H. Talbot.

On the motion of the VEN. ARCHDEACON MOULE, the following directors were elected to constitute the Executive Committee:—Dr. Focke, Mr. F. C. Bishop, Rev. Dr. Allen, Rev. W. Muirhead, Mr. C. Thorne and Dr. Williamson.

The motion was seconded by E. Henderson, Esq., M.D.

Mr. THORNE moved a vote of thanks to Mr. F. C. Bishop for his services as treasurer for the period of two years and for his devoted attention to the interests of the Society.

Dr. WILLIAMSON supported the motion and emphasised the remarks Mr. Thorne had made, saying they were very greatly indebted to Mr. Bishop for the satisfactory progress the Society had made. Mr. Bishop briefly responded.

Before the meeting separated, Dr. Williamson pointed out a fact which had not been alluded to by any other speaker—that they were short of funds, and that unless there were extra subscriptions or some additional source of income they would have to curtail their expenses. He hoped the directors would consider this point. Dr. Williamson also drew attention to the labour which had been bestowed by Mr. D. S. Murray upon the work of editing the *Chinese Boys' Own*, and to the success it had achieved. He hoped it would prove a power among the elder schoolboys and the younger students; and he felt sure the meeting would convey to Mr. Murray the thanks of the Society.

REV. WM. MUIRHEAD proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman; after which the meeting shortly after separated.